

Community Foundation

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“Nurturing Community through Philanthropy: An Introduction to Community Foundations”

**The Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough hosts Carolyn Milne
President and CEO of Hamilton Community Foundation at the Art Gallery of
Peterborough.**

The newly formed **Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough (CFGP)** is hosting a private reception for Carolyn Milne, President and CEO of the Hamilton Community Foundation at the Art Gallery of Peterborough on April 18th from 3:30pm – 5:50 pm.

This event will provide an opportunity for invited community leaders from a broad cross section of the City and the County of Peterborough to learn more about community foundations and how they work to support and strengthen communities through philanthropic endowment building and strategic grant-making. The Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough will introduce its Steering Committee, answer questions and provide invited guests with

information on the history of the **Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough** and its plans for the future.

Since joining the Hamilton Community Foundation, Carolyn and her talented team and committed Board have seen HCF assets grow from \$10 million to \$126 million, and annual grant making grow from \$400,000 to \$5.6 million. Some of the Foundation's leadership achievements have included the establishment of a Neighbourhood Program, a Youth in Philanthropy Program, an Environmental Grant Program (that focuses on neighbourhoods, citizen engagement and youth leadership), and a Poverty Prevention and Reduction Grant Program. She is a dynamic and inspirational speaker who knows first hand the kind of dramatic difference a community foundation can make.

Community foundations bring together visionary people who care about their communities. They are independent, volunteer-driven, charitable organizations that aim to strengthen their communities by:

- Facilitating philanthropy
- Partnering with donors to build permanent endowments and other funds that provide direct financial support to community projects
- Providing leadership on broad issues of community concern.

The dream of creating a community foundation for the Peterborough region began in 2006. After four years of working on the successful development of housing related projects, the Peterborough Affordable Housing Foundation (PAHF) decided to expand its mandate to better serve the needs of the County and City of Peterborough. The PAHF Board of Directors met with a number of community leaders and concluded that the formation of a community foundation for the greater Peterborough region would recognize the unique interests and needs of our growing community and provide a permanent, endowed fund that could be used to improve the health and vitality of the City and County of Peterborough, both for today and for the future.

A steering committee was formed to guide the development of the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough) and for the past two years that group of committed volunteers has been hard at work building the Board, establishing the Foundation's mission and mandate and administrative infrastructure. The Steering Committee has been working closely with a number of local foundations and charitable organizations and with Community Foundations of Canada, a national association of some 160 community foundations across Canada.

Our Mission

The Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough is the vital link between caring community members and local causes that matter. We foster philanthropy by pooling endowed and special funds, while our grants to registered charities enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

Our Mandate

Building on the spirit and history of generosity of Peterborough County and City we will:

- Offer an opportunity for people to give back to the community that has nurtured them
- Foster the growth of community philanthropy
- Build and carefully manage community endowments
- Provide exceptional donor services
- Address community needs and opportunities through strategic grant making and organizational support
- Partner with other foundations and charities
- Provide leadership on key community issues

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